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Phillip A. PATTEN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
Application No.: 09/954,692 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: September 12, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: Unassigned  
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR )  
POLYPEPTIDE ENGINEERING )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment and Request for Personal Interview for the above-identified patent application.

- [ ] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- [ ] A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] \$55.00 (248) [ ] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- [X] Also enclosed is Appendix A and U.S. Patent No. 6,117,679.
- [ ] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- [ ] Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ] \$370.00 (279) [ ] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- [ ] Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_, on \_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- [ ] Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- [ ] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

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☐ No additional claim fee is required.

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AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	4	MINUS =	0	$\times \$18.00 (103) =$	-0-
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	$\times \$84.00 (102) =$	\$84.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					\$84.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$84.00

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

☒ Charge \$ 84.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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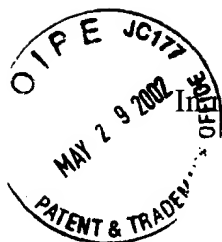
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REQUEST FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows, and contact the undersigned to arrange for a personal interview:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-273 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

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